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Judge Kolar Kottely Attention: Renata Hesse U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division 601 D Street, N.W., Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kolar Kottely,

I've seen firsthand the blows the economy has been dealt in the last year. As an aeronautical technician, I have seen many in our industry lose their jobs due to cutbacks resulting from the precarious state of the economy.

The economy is soft. In addition to layoffs, the public has also seen a decrease in their investment portfolios. The public and our economy need to be reassured. Approving the current Microsoft settlement proposal is a step toward that reassurance. That assurance will restore investor's faith, providing cash flow for innovation and a demand for employment in one of the driving sectors of our economy – high tech. The boom of the 90's and even 2000 was driven by the health of the technology sector. I believe we can help turn our economy around if we help the tech industry get back on its feet. In my opinion, settling the case against Microsoft is the first step in that direction.

I appeal to you and your wisdom to support settlement of the suit, allowing America's economy to rebound at this time when we all could use some encouragement.

Sincerely,

Tim Holloway